

LIBRARY NEWS

Parent Reading Tips for School Success

- 1. Make reading FUN!*
- 2. Read together.*
- 3. Set a special reading time every day.*
- 4. Help your child choose a "just right" book to read using the I-PICK strategy.*
- 5. Help your child navigate online resources.*
- 6. Read aloud to your child.*
- 7. Listen as your child retells a story or summarizes a text.*
- 8. Point to the pictures and have your child tell about them.*
- 9. Encourage reading of a variety of different text types and genres.*
- 10. Talk with your child about what they are reading everywhere you go...at home, in the car, or on a walk.*

Dear Mercer Families,

Hopefully your student looks forward to their weekly library class, where I try to share a love for reading, while also exploring other important topics and themes that relate to your student's classroom learning and beyond. These lessons include information literacy, online safety, and critical thinking skills. All of these topics and skills can be further explored at home by using the amazing resources that the Shaker Heights School District has made available to us. These can be used anytime, anywhere (with an Internet connection). It is a pleasure to share my love of learning and reading with students, I hope you find the time to explore these resources together outside of school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Kaminski

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Pebble Go! is a non-fiction/information database that has simple explanations of many topics, ranging from dinosaurs to the U.S. government. Students can explore topics by reading or listening to the narrations of topics and articles throughout the site. Students can print out the articles and create a simple citation as well.

How to access Pebble Go!



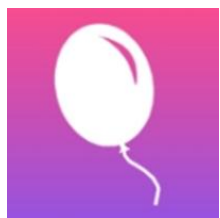
1. Go to www.shaker.org
2. Click Libraries in the red box on the left side of the screen
3. Click on Mercer Library in the blue box on the right side of the screen
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CultureGrams™

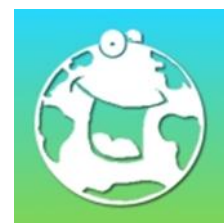
CultureGrams Online Database (Kids version) is a wonderful source of simple, reliable, and current cultural information on countries from across the globe. It is an important resource for our International Baccalaureate program, as students increase their awareness of other cultures and traditions. Follow the same steps as *PebbleGo* to access *CultureGrams*.



Bookflix is a terrific resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction e-books. This combination of narrated stories and read-along nonfiction builds a love of reading while improving reading skills. Related activities, games, and lexile scores are included for each book pairing.



World Books Kids is an online encyclopedia for elementary students with e-books, videos, pictures, primary sources, and presentation tools. At the bottom of the page, you can connect to the **Early World of Learning**, which has narrated stories, interactive reading games, and leveled reading practice that align with Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee.



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6. Select INFOhio K-5 Databases from the list of links

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